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SUBJECT: PRISON UNREST CONTINUES

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1. TROUBLE BROKE OUT IN LONG KESH/MAZE PRISON FOR THIRD STRAIGHT DAY AS PROVISIONAL IRA SPECIAL CATEGORY CONVICTS DESTROYED BEDDING JULY 28. IT APPEARS PRISONERS AT MAGILLIGAN PRISON IN COUNTY LONDONDERRY HAVE REFUSED PRISON FOOD SINCE JULY 26 IN PROTEST OVER DESEGREGATION IN CRUMLIN ROAD JAIL BELFAST (REFTEL A). THIS PROTEST IS ON BEHALF OF LOYALIST PRISONERS WHO REPORTEDLY NOW REFUSING TO LEAVE CELLS AND MINGLE WITH REPUBLICANS.

2. LOYALIST "CAMP COMMANDERS" IN LONG KESH/MAZE ENGAGED IN WAR OF WORDS AS LIFER GUSTY SPENCE FOR ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE PROTESTED ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) FAILURE TO HONOR "NO CONFLICT POLICY" AND RENEWED ACCUSATION OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN UDA AND REPUBLICANS IN MONDAY PROTEST. BILLY SLOAN, UDA "CAMP COMMANDER", AGAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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DENIED CHARGE.

3. SECURITY AUTHORITIES ALERT TO POSSIBILITY CURRENT
UNREST COULD MASK PLANS FOR BREAKOUT AND HAVE INCREASED
TROOP STRENGTH ON PERIMETER. ONLY CIVILIAN WARDERS CONTINUE
BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH PRISONERS.
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